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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS FOR ILO GOVERNING BODY SESSION

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REF: A) STATE 264428; B) STATE 259502

1. REF A INDICATES \$200 AS AMOUNT OF REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS FOR SUBJECT MEETING. MISSION AND USDEL CONSIDER THIS AMOUNT WHOLLY INADEQUATE FOR REASONS STATED BELOW. WE BELIEVE US INTERESTS IN ILO WILL SUFFER IF AMOUNT OF REPRESENTATION FUNDS FOR SUBJECT MEETING NOT INCREASED BY DEPARTMENT.

2. SUBJECT MEETING IS FIRST SESSION OF GOVERNING BODY ELECTED AT ILO CONFERENCE LAST JUNE FOR THREE-YEAR TERM. ESTABLISHING RAPPORT VIABLE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH NEW MEMBERS WILL BENEFIT US OVER THREE-YEAR PERIOD AS WELL AS DURING THIS SESSION. FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS TO US CRITICISMS OF ILO OUTLINED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN US NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO (REF B) IS KEY ELEMENT IN ACHIEVING IMPORTANT US OBJECTIVES IN ILO IN NEXT TWO YEARS.

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3. USDEL BELIEVES SERVICE OF US INTERESTS CALL FOR SEPARATE

LUNCHEONS WITH NEW REPRESENTATIVES ON GOVERNING BODY OF UK, LIBERIA, ARGENTINA, GREECE, SIERRA LEONE, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AT 100 SWISS FRANCS EACH AND GROUP LUNCHEONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FRG AND JAPAN, MAJOR US ALLIES IN ILO AT 200 SWISS FRANCS EACH. USDEL HAS LAREADY COMMITTED APPROXIMATELY \$160 OF FUNDS IN REF A FOR LUNCHEON FOR OFFICERS OF GOVERNING BODY WHOSE HELP IN NEXT TWO YEARS CRUCIAL TO US INTERESTS. OTHER MINOR EXPENSES FOR BREAKFAST MEETINGS AND NOW UNFORESEEN EVENTS EXPECTED TO USE UP REMAINING \$40. IN ADDITION, LABATT WILL BE COMPLETELY OUT-OF-POCKET FOR TWO DINNERS FOR KEY DECISION MAKERS ON ILO STAFF (SWISS FRANCS 640).

4. IN COMPARISON TO SHORTER OR FAR LESS IMPORTANT MEETINGS THAT AS A MATTER OF ROUTINE RECEIVE \$200 FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES, TO ASSIGN ONLY \$200 TO THIS GOVERNING BODY MEETING WHICH MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT IN RECENT YEARS, COMPLETELY MISSES THE POINT OF US PRIORITIES. MISSION NOTES THAT USDEL AT ILO PREPARATORY MARITIME CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 13-24 USED \$149.34 OF \$250 ALLOTMENT. PERHAPS UNUSED FUNDS FROM THIS MEETING AND OTHERS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SUBJECT MEETING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENT REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS FOR USDEL BY \$630 FOR EXPENSES LISTED IN PARA 3 ABOVE. DALE

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